



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 20, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 50 percent short, 33 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 37 percent short, 54 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 63.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 75.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano. Highs ranged from 88.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 95.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the southeast part of the State with an average of 1.05 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 20, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, silked	3	1	22	7
Cotton, planted	88	64	93	81
Cotton, emerged	51	(NA)	80	52
Hay, first cutting	71	50	66	49
Rice, planted	99	98	100	98
Rice, emerged	97	93	98	94
Sorghum, planted	95	91	95	96
Sorghum, emerged	88	71	90	87
Soybeans, planted	93	88	90	80
Soybeans, emerged	84	62	83	66
Soybeans, blooming	1	(NA)	3	1
Sweet potatoes, planted	36	24	45	18
Winter wheat, headed	100	99	100	100
Winter wheat, coloring	97	90	85	81
Winter wheat, harvested	17	(NA)	14	9

(NA) Not available.

Crop condition for week ending May 20, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	2	7	37	50	4
Livestock	2	7	34	47	10
Pasture	3	13	43	39	2
Rice	0	3	34	60	3
Sorghum	0	6	38	56	0
Soybeans	1	5	28	62	4
Sugarcane	2	9	48	35	6
Vegetables	3	9	38	47	3
Winter wheat	0	5	37	55	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Most crops are becoming drought stressed at this point. A general rain is needed. Some spotty showers have offered some relief. Livestock pastures are short on forages and hay cuttings are light. Some cattle producers are already feeding fresh baled hay. High heat is affecting many crop areas especially crawfish, corn, and sugarcane. Many acres of soybeans are sitting waiting on rain, some apparent stand loss has been reported due to drought conditions.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“There has been extremely dry conditions. Farmers have established permanent floods on rice. The excessive heat and sunshine are causing some water strains for farmers. Later planted rice fields are being flushed several times before establishing a flood. Soybeans are slow to germinate as the moisture level in the soil has just about dissolved. A good rain will add some much needed moisture to the fields so that farmers can finish planting. Pastures are drying and some cattle ranchers that have the ability, are flushing pastures. Some cattlemen have already resorted to feeding hay. Rainfall is much needed.”

– Jeremy Hebert, Acadia Parish

“We need a rain bad! Crop growth has come to a snail's pace. Soybeans that have emerged will start to burn up if we don't receive a rain soon.”

–Jimmy Flanagan, Saint Mary Parish

“Field conditions remain dry affecting all crops, pastures, and livestock. Sugarcane and soybeans are showing some slight stress. Crawfish ponds are being drained.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 20, 2018

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	91.9	67.9	79.9	72.2	7.7	0.00	0	-0.99	0.99	-3.51
Mooringsport	89.1	66.4	77.8	72.8	5.0	0.33	1	-0.53	0.63	-2.91
Red River	89.8	67.2	78.5	73.8	4.9	(NA)	0	-0.75	1.62	-2.42
Shreveport	89.4	66.3	77.9	72.8	5.1	0.09	1	-0.96	1.41	-3.39
Extreme/Average	90.0	67.0	78.5	72.9	5.7	0.14	1	-0.81	1.16	-3.06
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	71.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	88.6	63.2	75.9	70.5	5.7	0.03	1	-0.72	0.43	-2.88
Extreme/Average	88.6	63.2	75.9	71.4	5.7	0.03	1	-0.72	0.43	-2.88
Northeast										
Lake Providence	88.4	68.4	78.4	73.2	5.3	0.67	1	-0.51	2.19	-2.62
St Joseph	91.6	66.2	78.9	74.7	4.5	0.32	1	-0.45	1.06	-2.63
Tallulah	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	73.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.40	-0.56
Winnsboro	91.7	68.0	79.8	74.1	6.3	0.00	0	-0.46	2.62	-1.25
Extreme/Average	90.6	67.5	79.1	73.8	5.3	0.33	1	-0.47	1.57	-1.77
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	92.5	64.7	78.6	73.4	5.3	(NA)	0	-1.08	1.03	-2.96
Natchitoches	92.0	68.9	80.4	74.9	5.5	0.65	1	-0.24	0.68	-3.31
Extreme/Average	92.2	66.8	79.5	73.6	5.4	0.65	1	-0.66	0.85	-3.13
Central										
Alexandria	91.6	69.9	80.7	74.9	5.8	0.00	0	-1.05	0.65	-3.42
Bunkie	92.5	70.3	81.4	75.0	6.5	0.60	1	-0.43	1.03	-3.53
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	90.3	68.0	79.2	74.6	4.7	0.00	0	-0.84	0.73	-2.84
New Roads	94.3	69.7	82.0	75.3	7.2	0.00	0	-0.47	0.35	-3.26
Extreme/Average	92.2	69.5	80.8	75.3	6.0	0.15	1	-0.70	0.69	-3.26
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.27	3	-0.82	0.52	-3.96
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.08	1	(NA)	1.17	(NA)
Slidell	91.1	69.1	80.1	75.3	4.9	0.20	2	-0.96	0.44	-3.71
Extreme/Average	91.1	69.1	80.1	74.8	4.9	0.18	3	-0.89	0.71	-3.83
Southwest										
Crowley	92.0	70.6	81.3	76.0	5.6	0.00	0	-0.81	0.02	-3.89
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	74.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	90.9	69.4	80.1	75.6	4.5	0.56	2	-0.50	0.56	-3.37
Oberlin Fire	89.0	66.7	77.9	74.8	3.1	0.00	0	-1.19	0.05	-4.50
Extreme/Average	90.6	68.9	79.8	75.3	4.4	0.19	2	-0.83	0.21	-3.92
South central										
Donaldsonville	93.3	69.9	81.6	75.3	6.3	0.09	1	-0.87	0.63	-3.14
Jeanerette	89.1	63.3	76.2	75.8	0.4	0.03	1	-0.88	0.11	-3.58
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	90.3	72.0	81.1	75.6	5.5	0.00	0	-0.88	0.12	-3.34
Extreme/Average	90.9	68.4	79.6	75.5	4.1	0.04	1	-0.88	0.29	-3.35
Southeast										
Galliano	90.5	75.2	82.9	76.0	6.6	0.00	0	-0.57	1.55	-1.42
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1.13	2	0.22	2.72	-1.06
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	95.3	72.7	84.0	78.1	5.9	2.02	2	1.08	2.39	-1.33
Extreme/Average	92.9	74.0	83.4	77.0	6.2	1.05	2	0.24	2.22	-1.27
State	91.1	68.4	79.8	74.5	5.4	0.31	1	-0.62	0.88	-2.97

(NA) Not available.
Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
DFN = Departure From Normal.